



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
SPARTANBURG DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

Plaintiff,)

vs.)

RALPH C. MEDLEY, et al.)

Defendants.)

CONSENT DECREE

This Decree is made and entered into by and between the United States of America ("Plaintiff") and certain defendants, cross-claimants, counter-claimants, third-party plaintiffs and third-party defendants ("Settling Defendants") in this action: Milliken & Company, Unisphere Chemical Corporation, National Starch and Chemical Corporation and Chas S. Tanner Co., ABCO Industries, Inc., BASF Corporation, Ethox Chemicals, Inc., Polymer Industries, a division of Morton-Thiokol, Inc. and Tanner Chemical Company.

WHEREAS, the United States, on behalf of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), filed a complaint in this action on January 30, 1986, which action was brought pursuant to Sections 104(a) and (b) and 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. §§9604(a) and (b) and 9607(a), for recovery of costs incurred and to be incurred by the United States in response to the release or threatened release of hazardous substances at the Medley Farm Site ("Site") near Gaffney, South Carolina and pursuant to

